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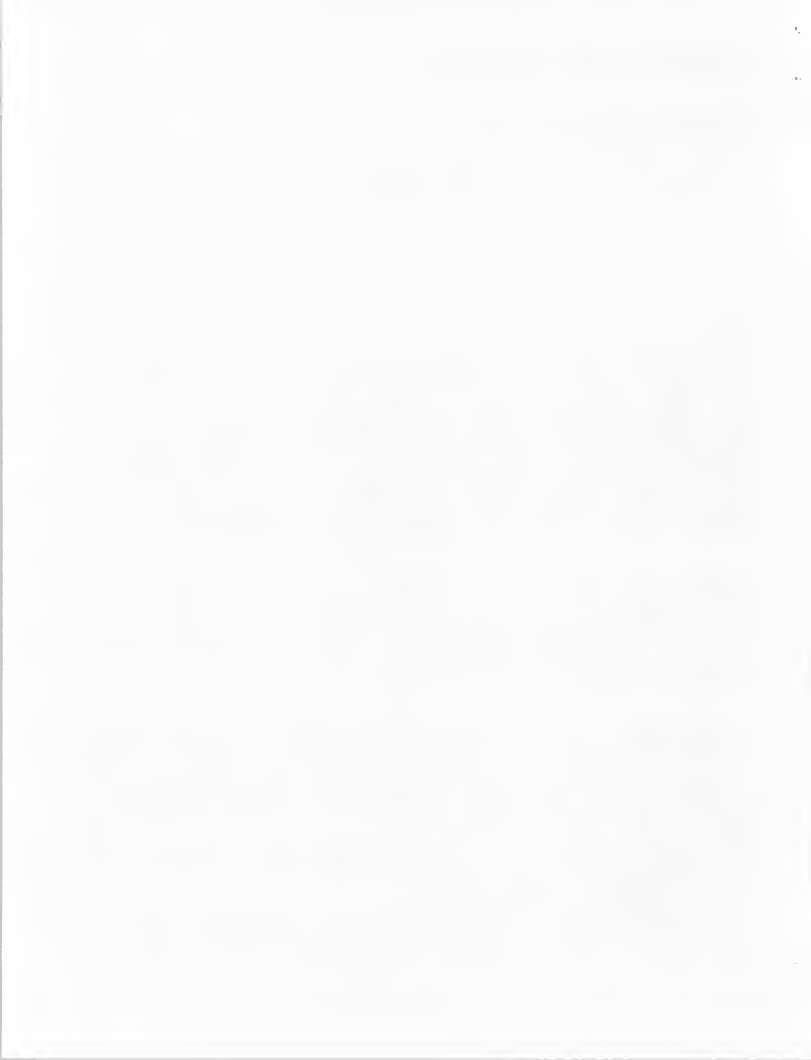
Most of the annual streamflow in the Western United States originates as snowfall that has accumulated high in the mountains during winter and early spring. As the snowpack accumulates, hydrologists estimate the runoff that will occur when it melts. Predictions are based on careful measurements of snow water equivalent at selected index points. Precipitation, temperature, soil moisture and antecedent streamflow data are combined with snowpack data to prepare runoff forecasts. Streamflow forecasts are coordinated by Natural Resources Conservation Service and National Weather Service hydrologists. This report presents a comprehensive picture of water supply conditions for areas dependent upon surface runoff. It includes selected streamflow forecasts, summarized snowpack and precipitation data, reservoir storage data, and narratives describing current conditions.

Snowpack data are obtained by using a combination of manual and automated SNOTEL measurement methods. Manual readings of snow depth and water equivalent are taken at locations called snow courses on a monthly or semi-monthly schedule during the winter. In addition, snow water equivalent, precipitation and temperature are monitored on a daily basis and transmitted via meteor burst telemetry to central data collection facilities. Both monthly and daily data are used to project snowmelt runoff.

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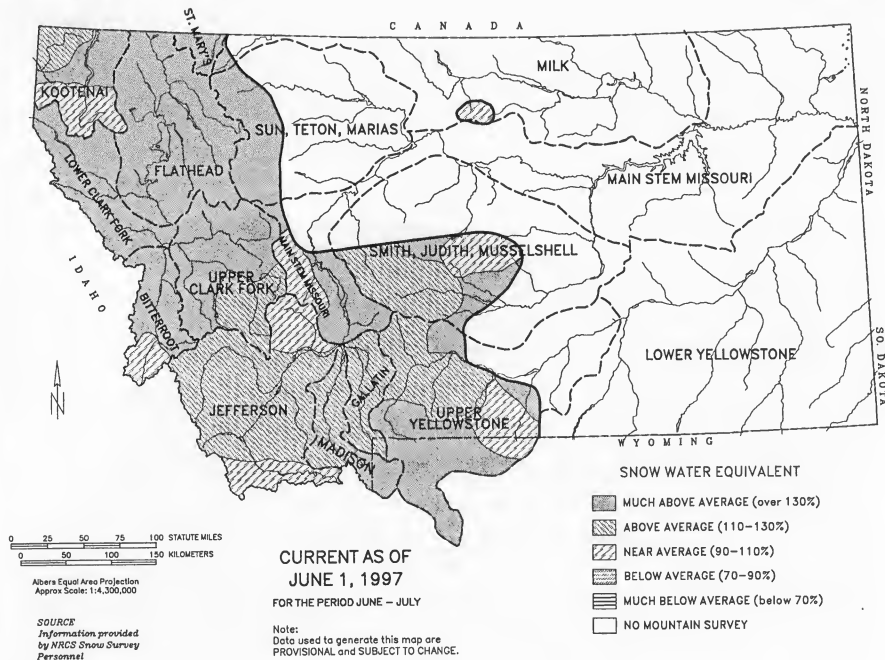
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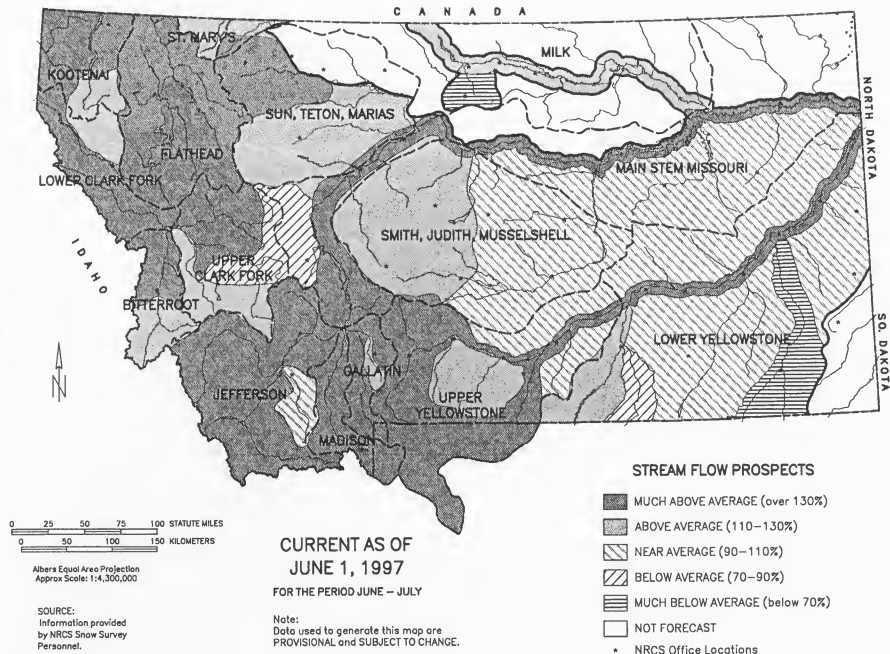
SNOW COURSE	ELEVATION	DATE	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1961-90

MONTANA						
ALBRO LAKE PILLOW	8300	6/01/97	---	16.9	--	--
BADGER PASS PILLOW	6900	6/01/97	---	36.2	37.5	20.9
BANFIELD MTN PILLOW	5600	6/01/97	---	8.5	10.9	2.9
BARKER LAKES PILLOW	8250	6/01/97	---	12.0	16.7	10.0
BASIN CREEK PILLOW	7180	6/01/97	---	4.7	7.0	4.7
BASSOO PEAK	5150	5/29/97	0	.0	--	--
BEAGLE SPGS PILLOW	8850	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.9
BEAVER CREEK PILLOW	7850	6/01/97	---	12.2	16.8	9.7
BISSON CREEK PILLOW	4920	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
BLACK BEAR PILLOW	7950	6/01/97	---	50.2	46.1	27.5
BLACK PINE PILLOW	7100	6/01/97	---	.0	5.3	2.4
BLACKTAIL	5650	5/30/97	1	.2	.0	--
BLOODY DICK PILLOW	7550	6/01/97	---	.0	5.8	1.7
BOULDER MTN PILLOW	7950	6/01/97	---	10.7	18.9	10.5
BOX CANYON PILLOW	6700	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
BOXELDER CREEK	5100	5/29/97	0	.0	.0	.0
BRACKETT CR PILLOW	7320	6/01/97	---	9.5	17.8	12.6
BRIDGER BOWL	7250	5/29/97	53	28.7	23.0	18.9
CALVERT CR PILLOW	6430	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
CARROT BASIN PILLOW	9000	6/01/97	---	32.7	41.9	24.7
CHICKEN CREEK	4060	5/27/97	0	.0	.0	.0
CLOVER MDW PILLOW	8800	6/01/97	---	13.3	23.6	10.6
COLE CREEK PILLOW	7850	6/01/97	---	8.7	21.8	12.9
COMBINATION PILLOW	5600	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
COPPER BOTTOM PILLOW	5200	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
COPPER CAMP PILLOW	6950	6/01/97	---	18.9	27.4	12.7
CRYSTAL LAKE PILLOW	6050	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	1.0
DALY CREEK PILLOW	5780	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
DARKHORSE LK. PILLOW	8700	6/01/97	---	38.4	40.7	28.5
DEADMAN CR PILLOW	6450	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
DISCOVERY BASIN	7050	5/30/97	15	7.0	6.8	4.8
DIVIDE PILLOW	7800	6/01/97	---	.0	6.5	1.7
DUPUYER CREEK PILLOW	5750	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
EMERY CREEK PILLOW	4350	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
FISHER CREEK PILLOW	9100	6/01/97	---	44.5	41.5	31.7
FLATTOP MTN PILLOW	6300	6/01/97	---	53.5	56.6	34.4
FROHNER MDWS PILLOW	6480	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	1.2
GARVER CREEK PILLOW	4250	6/01/97	---	.0	--	.0
GRAVE CRK PILLOW	4300	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
GRIFFIN CR DIVIDE	5150	5/29/97	0	.0	--	--
HAND CREEK PILLOW	5030	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
HAWKINS LAKE PILLOW	6450	6/01/97	---	20.9	27.4	19.5
HELL ROARING DIVIDE	5770	5/30/97	42	23.1	27.1	11.2
HERRIG JUNCTION	4850	5/27/97	40	21.9	18.9	2.4
HOODOO BASIN PILLOW	6050	6/01/97	---	58.9	46.9	29.2
KRAFT CREEK PILLOW	4750	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
LAKEVIEW RDG. PILLOW	7400	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
LEMHI RIDGE PILLOW	8100	6/01/97	---	.0	4.1	2.8
LICK CREEK PILLOW	6860	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.6
LONE MOUNTAIN PILLOW	8880	6/01/97	---	15.8	24.9	13.0
LOWER TWIN PILLOW	7900	6/01/97	---	18.8	21.4	13.5

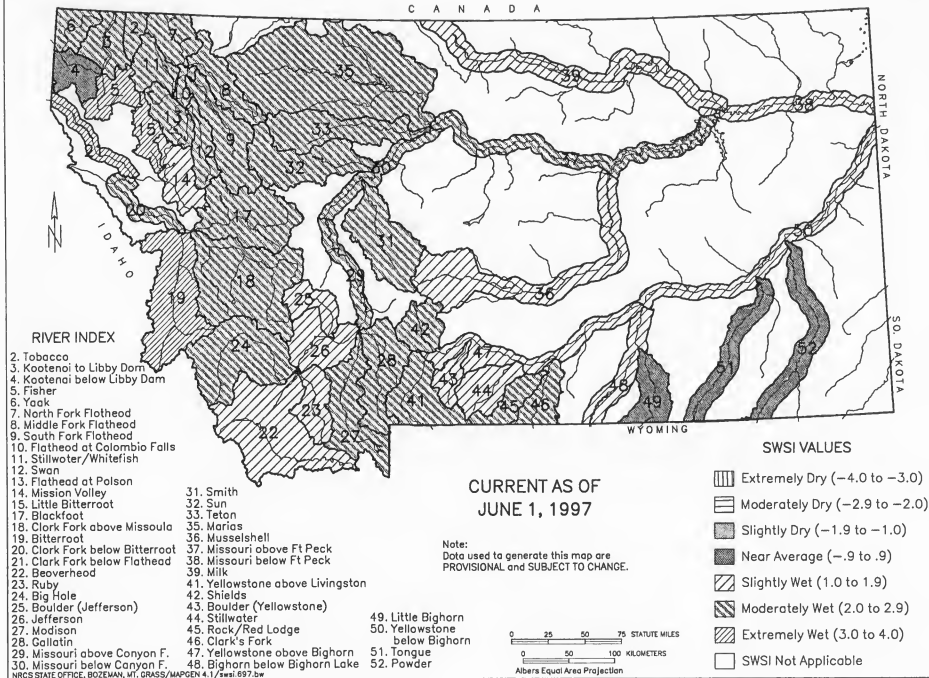
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LUBRECHT PILLOW	4680	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
MADISON PLT PILLOW	7750	6/01/97	---	14.7	20.5	7.5
MANY GLACIER PILLOW	4900	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
MAYNARD CREEK	6210	5/29/97	15	5.2	.5	3.2
MONUMENT PK PILLOW	8850	6/01/97	---	23.3	28.8	16.2
MOSS PEAK PILLOW	6780	6/01/97	---	52.8	47.5	30.1
MT LOCKHART PILLOW	6400	6/01/97	---	14.1	18.8	10.5
MULE CREEK PILLOW	8300	6/01/97	---	15.9	20.9	9.0
NEVADA CREEK PILLOW	6480	6/01/97	---	3.7	7.8	3.8
NEVADA RIDGE PILLOW	7020	6/01/97	---	5.1	12.4	.6
NEZ PERCE CMP PILLOW	5650	6/01/97	---	.9	.0	.2
NOISY BASIN PILLOW	6040	6/01/97	---	48.1	44.0	30.2
N.F. ELK CR PILLOW	6250	6/01/97	---	.3	.0	.9
NF JOCKO PILLOW	6330	6/01/97	---	46.1	45.1	27.3
N.E. ENTRANCE PILLOW	7350	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.2
OPHIR PARK	7150	5/26/97	15	6.1	8.6	7.6
PETERSON MEADOWS	7200	5/30/97	13	5.3	5.6	1.2
PICKFOOT CRK PILLOW	6650	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
PIKE CREEK PILLOW	5930	6/01/97	---	11.4	19.7	7.9
PLACER BASIN PILLOW	8830	6/01/97	---	14.1	21.2	16.2
PORCUPINE PILLOW	6500	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
RED MOUNTAIN	6000	5/29/97	15	7.5	11.3	4.2
REVAIS CREEK	4800	5/30/97	0	.0	.0	.0
ROCKER PEAK PILLOW	8000	6/01/97	---	14.4	17.7	13.2
ROCKY BOY PILLOW	4700	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
ROCKY BOY	4700	5/29/97	0	.0	.0	.3
SADDLE MTN PILLOW	7900	6/01/97	---	16.6	30.4	17.5
SHORT CREEK PILLOW	7000	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
SHOWER FALLS PILLOW	8100	6/01/97	---	30.2	35.2	23.3
SILVER RUN PILLOW	6630	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
SKALKAHO PILLOW	7260	6/01/97	---	27.5	28.8	15.8
S.F. SHIELDS PILLOW	8100	6/01/97	---	25.3	22.7	13.3
SPUR PARK PILLOW	8100	6/01/97	---	18.9	23.0	14.8
SQUAW PEAK PILLOW	6150	6/01/97	---	6.0	3.5	5.0
STAHL PEAK PILLOW	6030	6/01/97	---	36.0	59.5	27.3
STRYKER BASIN	6180	5/27/97	61	34.0	40.6	20.6
STUART MOUNTAIN	7400	5/30/97	65	36.3	33.0	--
STUART MOUNTAIN PILL	7400	6/01/97	---	37.4	33.9	19.8
SUCKER CREEK	3960	5/29/97	0	.0	.0	.2
TAYLOR ROAD	4080	5/29/97	0	.0	.0	.4
TEPEE CREEK PILLOW	8000	6/01/97	---	3.7	10.0	5.3
TIZER BASIN PILLOW	6840	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	2.0
TV MOUNTAIN	6800	5/30/97	26	13.0	12.0	--
TWELVEMILE PILLOW	5600	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.6
TWIN LAKES PILLOW	6400	6/01/97	---	36.1	30.5	25.8
WALDRON PILLOW	5600	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.0
WARM SPRINGS PILLOW	7800	6/01/97	---	24.9	31.0	19.6
WEST YELLOWSTONE	6700	6/01/97	0	.0	.0	.0
WHISKEY CREEK PILLOW	6800	6/01/97	---	.4	2.9	1.2
WHITE MILL PILLOW	8700	6/01/97	---	28.9	37.0	19.4
WOOD CREEK PILLOW	5960	6/01/97	---	.0	.0	.1

MOUNTAIN SNOWWATER EQUIVALENT FOR MONTANA





SURFACE WATER SUPPLY INDEX (SWSI) VALUES





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Water supply conditions are looking to be average to well above average across the state for the first part of the summer. With the snowpack melting out much earlier than normal, many streams may reach lower flows than normal during late summer. There have been many areas across the state that have experienced flooding this season. A lot of catastrophic flooding potential did not occur because soils were not frozen and there were a couple of cold snaps that slowed the snow melt. Advanced warning and preparation for a large snow melt allowed many areas to prepare early and keep losses lower that could have occurred without early warning and preparedness.

Snowpack

As of June 1, mountain snow water content in the mountainous areas of Montana were 52 percent above average and 11 percent below last year. Most basins, except in southwest and south-central Montana, had their snow melt peaks occur during May. Southwest and south-central basins are forecast to reach their snow melt peak flows during the first or second week of June. The snowpack this year had very high densities on May 1 indicating uniform temperature through the snowpack, and when warm temperatures occurred well above average snow melt rates occurred and got the rivers rising much earlier than normal.

West of the Continental Divide, snowpacks were 67 percent above average and 3 percent below last year. East of the Continental Divide, snowpacks were 28 percent above average and 27 percent below last year.

RIVER BASIN	% OF AVERAGE	% OF LAST YEAR
COLUMBIA	167	97
KOOTENAI	150	93
FLATHEAD	171	94
UPPER CLARK FORK	148	84
BITTERROOT	188	111
LOWER CLARK FORK	243	146
MISSOURI	135	79
MISSOURI HEADWATERS	136	79
JEFFERSON	127	70
MADISON	143	78
GALLATIN	127	84
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	130	76
HEADWATERS MAINSTEM	136	79
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	113	71
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	157	81
ST. MARY	156	95
YELLOWSTONE (MONTANA & WYOMING)	123	72
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	134	80
LOWER YELLOWSTONE (WYOMING)	106	59
WIND	96	53
SHOSHONE	122	65
BIGHORN	107	57
TONGUE	102	55
POWDER	118	53

Precipitation

The combined mountain and valley precipitation for May across Montana was 7 percent below average and 35 percent below last year and water year mountain precipitation was 32 percent above average and 1 percent above last year.

West of the Continental Divide, mountain and valley precipitation during May was 6 percent below average and 37 percent below last year and east of the Continental Divide was 7 percent below average and 34 percent below last year. Water year precipitation west of the Continental Divide was 37 percent above average and 1 percent below last year and east of the Continental Divide was 27 percent above average and 3 percent above last year.

RIVER BASIN	MAY		WATER YEAR	
	% OF AVERAGE		% OF AVERAGE	
COLUMBIA	94	137		
KOOTENAI	90	136		
FLATHEAD	97	140		
UPPER CLARK FORK	94	130		
BITTERROOT	69	141		
LOWER CLARK FORK	105	142		
MISSOURI	95	125		
JEFFERSON	78	125		
MADISON	76	134		
GALLATIN	97	133		
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	118	114		
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL ..	101	123		
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	112	123		
Milk	107	94		
ST. MARY	153	126		
YELLOWSTONE	85	126		
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	86	136		
LOWER YELLOWSTONE (WY & MT) .	84	119		

Reservoirs

Major reservoir storage across the state was 3 percent above average and 3 percent above last year.

West of the Continental Divide, reservoirs were 3 percent above average and percent above last year. East of the Continental Divide, reservoirs were 6 percent above average and 11 percent below last year.

RIVER BASIN	% OF CAPACITY		% OF AVERAGE	
COLUMBIA	103	109		
KOOTENAI	105	109		
FLATHEAD	100	111		
UPPER CLARK FORK	104	95		
BITTERROOT	123	104		
LOWER CLARK FORK	116	98		
MISSOURI	104	94		
JEFFERSON	91	88		
MADISON	105	105		
GALLATIN	106	84		
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	97	92		
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	123	97		
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	118	94		
MILK	115	91		
ST. MARY	116	72		

Reservoirs (continued)

YELLOWSTONE	98	102
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	122	99
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	97	102

Streamflow

SEASONAL STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

Seasonal volume streamflow forecasts across Montana are 129 percent above average and 2 percent below last years forecasts.

West of the Continental Divide, streamflows are forecast to be 40 percent above average and 3 percent above last years forecasts. East of the Continental Divide, streamflows are forecast to be 36 percent above average and 2 percent below last years forecasts.

RIVER BASIN	JUNE-JULY FORECASTS	JUNE-JULY FORECASTS
	% OF AVERAGE	% OF LAST YEAR
COLUMBIA	140	103
KOOTENAI	133	102
FLATHEAD	137	95
UPPER CLARK FORK	142	107
BITTERROOT	142	99
LOWER CLARK FORK	146	111
MISSOURI	138	99
JEFFERSON	136	102
MADISON	147	101
GALLATIN	134	100
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	134	88
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	147	107
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	129	94
MILK	111	93
ST. MARY	116	96
YELLOWSTONE	135	98
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	139	102
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	131	94

NOTE: The **FORECAST AS % OF LAST YEAR** column above, is this years forecast as a percent of last years forecast, not of what actually occurred.

Snow melt peaks occurred earlier than normal this year and generally were average to well above average.

Snow melt peak flows in the Columbia River Basin generally occurred during the third week of May; the Missouri River Basin generally occurred during the fourth week of May, except for the Gallatin where peak flows occurred the first week of June; and the Yellowstone snow melt peak flows occurred the first week of June. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC BASINS, SEE THE INDIVIDUAL BASIN REPORTS THAT FOLLOW.

Peak Streamflow Forecasts

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Surface Water Supply Index

The Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) is an indicator of surface water supply conditions for the spring and summer months. Water users that rely on mountain precipitation can use the index to evaluate seasonal surface water supplies. The SWSI accounts for mountain snowpack, mountain precipitation, streamflow, reservoir storage, and soil moisture.

SWSI RATING	SURFACE WATER CONDITION
+3.0 to +4.0	Extremely Wet
+2.0 to +3.0	Moderately Wet
+1.0 to +2.0	Slightly Wet
-1.0 to +1.0	Near Average
-1.0 to -2.0	Slightly Dry
-2.0 to -3.0	Moderately Dry
-3.0 to -4.0	Extremely Dry

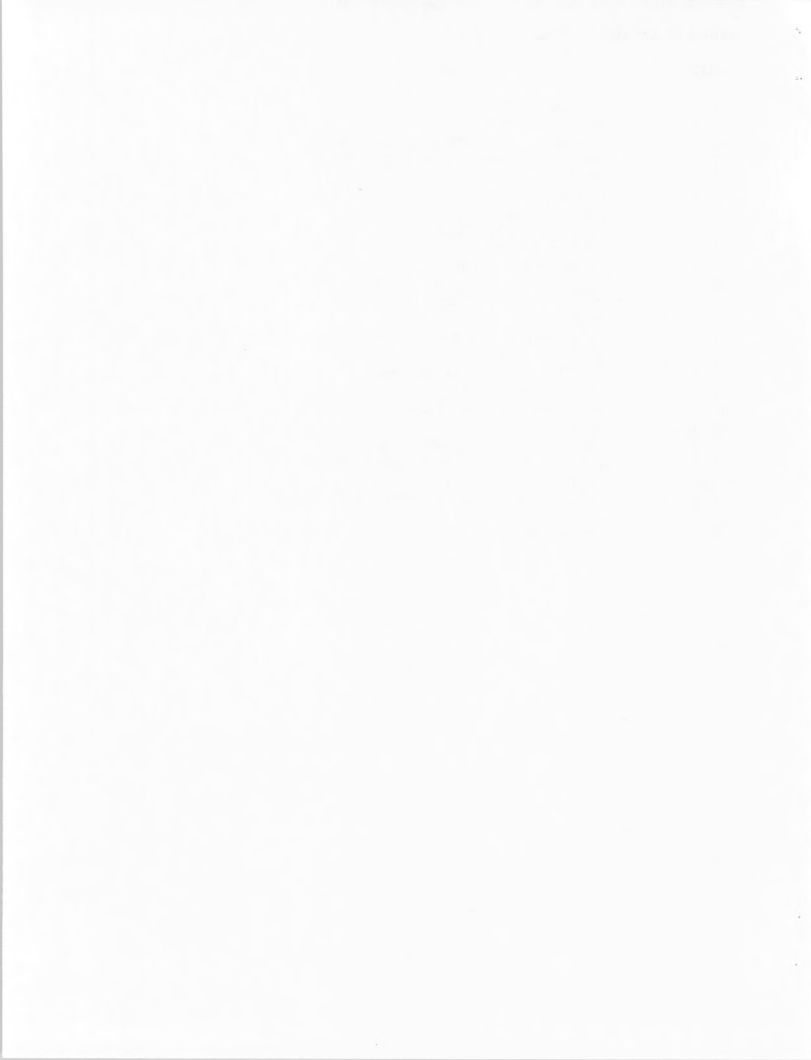
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-1.2	Kootenai River at Ft. Steele Canada
+2.5	Tobacco River
+2.7	Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam
+0.4	Kootenai River below Libby Dam
+3.0	Fisher River
+2.7	Yaak River
+2.6	North Fork Flathead River
+2.9	Middle FORK Flathead River
+2.1	South Fork Flathead River
+2.5	Flathead River at Columbia Falls
+2.5	Stillwater/Whitefish Rivers
+2.8	Swan River
+2.6	Flathead River at Polson
+1.6	Mission Valley
+3.2	Little Bitterroot River
+2.2	Clark Fork River above Rock Creek
+2.8	Blackfoot River
+2.5	Clark Fork River above Missoula
+3.1	Bitterroot River
+2.7	Clark Fork River below Bitterroot River
+3.1	Clark Fork River below Flathead River
+1.1	Beaverhead River
+1.2	Ruby River
+2.2	Big Hole River
+1.7	Boulder River (Jefferson)
+1.8	Jefferson River

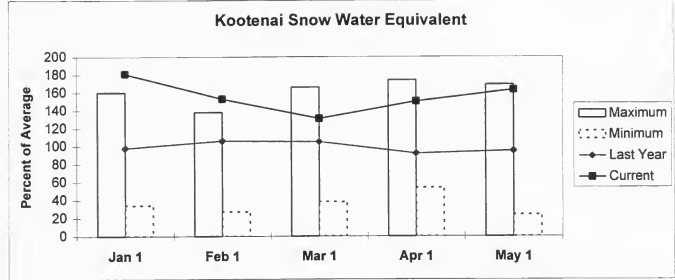
Surface Water Supply Index (continued)

SWSI	Basin
+2.8	Madison River
+2.6	Gallatin River
+2.3	Missouri River above Canyon Ferry
+2.3	Missouri River below Canyon Ferry
+2.4	Smith River
+2.1	Sun River
+2.0	Teton River
+2.0	Birch/Dupuyer Creeks
+2.4	Marias River
+1.5	Musselshell River
+2.2	Missouri River above Ft. Peck
+1.7	Missouri River below Ft. Peck
+1.8	Milk River
+2.5	Yellowstone River above Livingston
+2.4	Shields River
+1.8	Boulder River (Yellowstone)
+1.3	Stillwater River
+2.0	Rock/Red Lodge Creeks
+2.4	Clarks Fork River
+1.9	Yellowstone River above Bighorn River
+1.7	Bighorn River below Bighorn Lake
-0.6	Little Bighorn River
+1.4	Yellowstone River below Bighorn River
+0.1	Tongue River
+0.1	Powder River



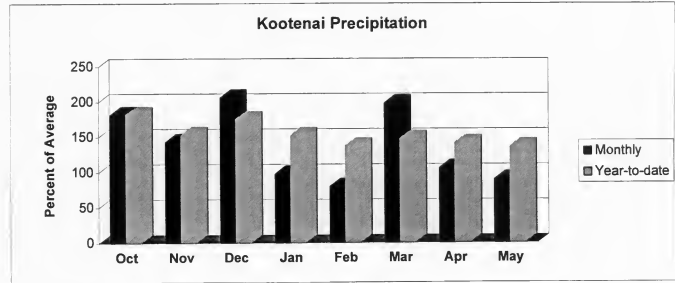
Kootenai River Basin in Montana

Snowpack conditions on June 1 in the Kootenai River Basin in Montana were well above average and in the Kootenai River Basin in British Columbia, Canada, were well above average. Snow water content for the Kootenai in Montana was 50 percent above average and 7 percent below last year and in British Columbia, Canada, was 57 percent above average and 6 percent below last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1985 and minimum was in 1977; February maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum swe was in 1977; May maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum swe was in 1992. Average is for the period 1961 through 1990.

Mountain precipitation during May was 8 percent below average and 56 percent below last year and the valley precipitation was 28 percent below average and percent above last year. Water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 1996, was 36 percent above average and 5 percent below last year.



Lake Koocanusa storage, on the last day of May, was 5 percent above average and 9 percent above last year.

Seasonal streamflows, for the period June through July, are forecast to be 33 percent above average and 2 percent above last years forecasts.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -1.2 for the Kootenai River at Ft. Steele (Kootenai in Canada); +2.5 for the Tobacco River; +2.7 for the Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam; +0.4 for the Kootenai River below Libby Dam; +3.0 for the Fisher River; and +2.7 for the Yaak River.

KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana
Streamflow Forecasts - June 1, 1997

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<----- Drier ----->>		Future Conditions ----->>>> Wetter ----->>>>		30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90%	70%	50% (Most Probable)	30%	10%
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF) (% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)
TOBACCO RIVER nr Eureka	JUN-JUL	74	83	90 145	97 106	62
	JUN-SEP	90	102	110 145	118 130	76
LIBBY RES Inflow (1,2)	JUN-JUL	-887.0	-278.0	0	276 885	3633
	JUN-SEP	-1053.0	-330.0	0	328 1051	4626
FISHER RIVER near Libby	JUN-JUL	73	81	87 124	93 101	70
	JUN-SEP	94	103	110 128	117 126	86
YAAK RIVER near Troy	JUN-JUL	172	189	200 133	211 228	151
	JUN-SEP	205	223	235 135	247 265	174
KOOTENAI at Leonia (1,2)	JUN-JUL	-1085.0	-340.0	0	338 1083	4010
	JUN-SEP	-1267.0	-396.0	0	394 1265	5091

KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of May

KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - June 1, 1997

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
LAKE KOOCANUSA	5748.0	3351.0	3075.0	3186.0	KOOTENAY in CANADA	8	87	144
					KOOTENAI MAINTSTEM	3	129	179
					TOBACCO	2	61	132
					FISHER	1	0	0
					YAAK	2	73	120
					KOOTENAI in MONTANA	7	93	150
					ab BONNERS FERRY	15	90	147

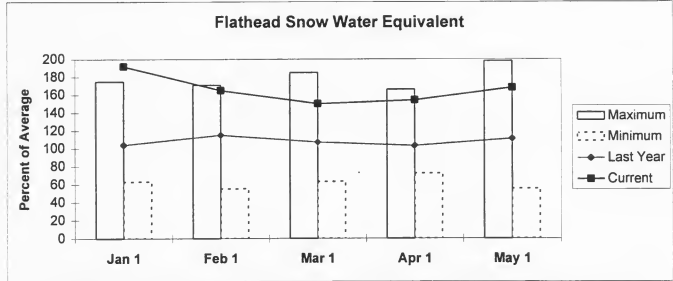
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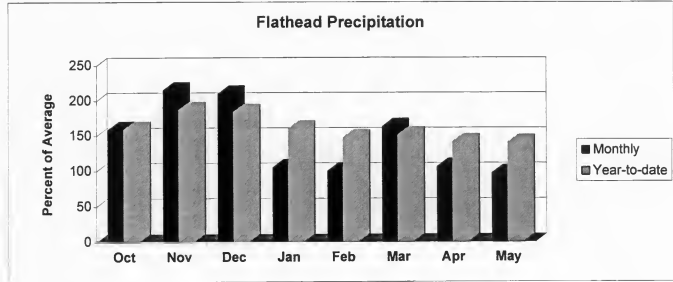
Flathead River Basin

Snowpack conditions on June 1 for the Flathead River Basin in Montana were well above average. Snow water content for the Flathead in Montana was 71 percent above average and 6 percent below last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1991 and minimum was in 1988; February maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum was in 1992; May maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum was in 1992; and June maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum was in 1992. Average is for the period 1961 through 1990.

Mountain precipitation during May was 5 percent below average and 46 percent below last year and valley precipitation was 16 percent above average and 30 percent below last year. Water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 1996, was 40 percent above average and 1 percent below last year.



Reservoir storage, on the last day of May, was 100 percent of average and 11 percent above last year. Combined Camas reservoir storage was 46 percent above average and 18 percent above last year; the combined Mission Valley reservoir storage was 1 percent above average and 5 percent below last year; Hungry Horse storage was 6 percent below average and 9 percent above last year; and Flathead Lake storage was 10 percent above average and 14 percent above last year.

Seasonal streamflow, for the period June through July, are forecast to be 37 percent above average and 5 percent below last years forecasts.

Snowmelt peak flow for the North Fork Flathead River near Columbia Falls occurred May 17 with an average daily flow of 27,600 cfs and was 30 percent above average; the Middle Fork Flathead River near West Glacier occurred on May 17 with an average daily flow of 31,300 cfs and was 39 percent above average.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +2.6 for the North Fork Flathead River; +2.9 for the Middle Fork Flathead River; +2.1 for the South Fork Flathead River; +2.5 for the Flathead River at Columbia Falls; +2.5 for the Stillwater/Whitefish Rivers; +2.8 for the Swan River; +2.6 for the Flathead River at Polson; +1.6 for the Mission Valley; and +3.2 for the Little Bitterroot River.

FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - June 1, 1997

		<----- Drier -----		Future Conditions		>----- Wetter ----->		
Forecast Point	Forecast Period	Chance Of Exceeding *						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
NF FLATHEAD nr Columbia Falls	JUN-JUL	1119	1185	1230	141	1275	1341	872
	JUN-SEP	1322	1398	1450	139	1502	1578	1046
MF FLATHEAD nr West Glacier	JUN-JUL	1170	1212	1240	141	1268	1310	877
	JUN-SEP	1310	1373	1415	138	1457	1520	1027
HUNGRY HORSE Reservoir Inflow (1,2)	JUN-JUL	1098	1288	1375	135	1462	1652	1019
	JUN-SEP	1259	1476	1575	137	1674	1891	1153
FLATHEAD at Columbia Falls (2)	JUN-JUL	3632	3791	3900	137	4009	4168	2840
	JUN-SEP	4209	4412	4550	137	4688	4891	3317
STILLWATER nr Whitefish	JUN-JUL	98	108	115	140	122	132	82
	JUN-SEP	119	134	145	144	156	171	101
WHITEFISH nr Kalispell	JUN-JUL	67	72	76	131	80	85	58
	JUN-SEP	83	90	95	134	100	107	71
SWAN RIVER near Bigfork	JUN-JUL	386	412	430	134	448	474	321
	JUN-SEP	484	517	540	134	563	596	404
FLATHEAD Lake Inflow (1,2)	JUN-JUL	4054	4381	4530	137	4679	5006	3315
	JUN-SEP	4688	5109	5300	138	5491	5912	3850

FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of May					FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN Watershed Snowpack Analysis - June 1, 1997			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
CAMAS (4)	45.2	45.3	38.5	31.1	NF FLATHEAD in CANADA	1	144	321
MISSION VALLEY (8)	100.0	69.5	73.0	68.9	NF FLATHEAD in MT.	6	83	179
HUNGRY HORSE	3451.0	2494.0	2281.0	2659.0	MIDDLE FORK FLATHEAD	4	89	160
FLATHEAD LAKE	1791.0	1627.0	1426.0	1480.0	SOUTH FORK FLATHEAD	2	109	159
					STILLWATER-WHITEFISH	5	91	231
					SWAN	4	108	168
					MISSION VALLEY	2	111	175
					LITTLE BITTERROOT-ASHLEY	0	0	0
					JOCKO	4	108	172
					FLATHEAD in MONTANA	20	94	171
					FLATHEAD BASIN	21	95	175

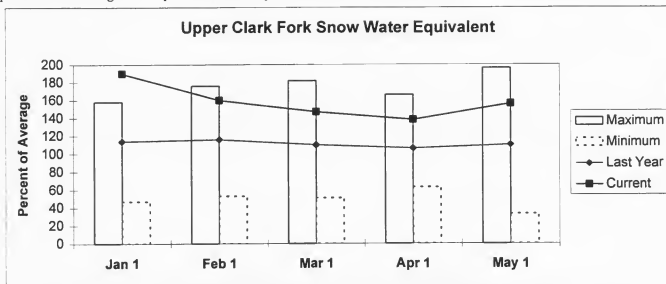
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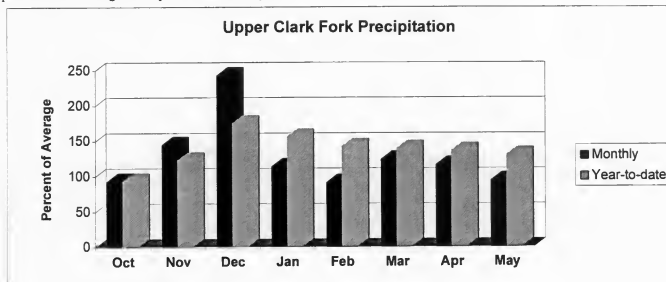
Upper Clark Fork River Basin

Snowpack conditions on June 1 in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin were well above average. Snow water content was 48 percent above average and 16 percent below last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1978 and minimum swe was in 1977; February maximum was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1994; May maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 1975 and minimum swe was in 1987. Average is for the period 1961 through 1990.

Mountain precipitation during May was 10 percent below average and 21 percent below last year and valley precipitation was 22 percent above average and 11 percent above last year. Water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 1996, was 30 percent above average and 3 percent above last year.



Reservoir storage, on the last day of May, was 4 percent above average and 5 percent below last year. Georgetown Lake storage was 2 percent above average and 4 percent below last year; Lower Willow Creek was 14 percent above average and the same as last year; and Nevada Creek storage was 4 percent above average and 9 percent below last year.

Seasonal streamflows, for the period June through July, are forecast to be 42 percent above average and 7 percent above last years forecasts.

Snowmelt peak flow at the Blackfoot near Bonner occurred on May 18 with an average daily flow of 15,700 cfs and was 64 percent above average; and the Clark Fork above Missoula occurred on May 18 with an average daily flow of 26,000 cfs and 55 percent above average.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +2.2 for the Clark Fork River above Rock Creek; +2.8 for the Blackfoot River; and +2.5 for the Clark Fork River above Missoula.

UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - June 1, 1997

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<----- Drier ----->>				Future Conditions		----->> Wetter ----->>		30-Yr Avg. (100AF)
		90%		70%		Chance Of Exceeding *		30%		
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	
WARM SPRINGS CK at Anaconda (2)	JUN-JUL	21	26	29	112		32	37		26
	JUN-SEP	30	36	40	114		44	50		35
LITTLE BLACKFOOT nr Garrison	JUN-JUL	5.7	17.2	25	74		33	44		34
	JUN-SEP	7.6	21	30	73		39	52		41
FLINT CK nr Southern Cross (2)	JUN-JUL	6.85	8.73	10.00	125		11.27	13.15		8.00
	JUN-SEP	8.5	11.2	13.0	123		14.8	17.5		10.6
FLINT CK bl Boulder Ck	JUN-JUL	26	34	40	118		46	54		34
	JUN-SEP	41	53	60	120		68	79		50
LOWER WILLOW CK RES Inflow	JUN-JUL	1.84	2.89	3.60	78		4.31	5.36		4.60
	JUN-SEP	2.36	3.57	4.40	80		5.23	6.44		5.50
MP ROCK CREEK nr Philipsburg	JUN-JUL	46	54	60	143		66	75		42
	JUN-SEP	54	64	70	143		76	86		49
ROCK CREEK near Clinton	JUN-JUL	165	189	205	124		221	245		165
	JUN-SEP	208	236	255	126		274	302		202
NEVADA CK nr Finn	JUN-JUL	2.31	3.64	4.55	61		5.46	6.79		7.50
	JUN-SEP	3.20	4.72	5.75	63		6.78	8.30		9.20
CLEARWATER nr Clearwater	JUN-JUL	71	82	90	139		98	109		65
	JUN-SEP	87	98	105	142		112	123		74
BLACKFOOT RIVER near Bonner	JUN-JUL	608	642	665	161		688	722		414
	JUN-SEP	752	793	820	162		847	888		505
CLARK FORK ab Milltown	JUN-JUL	395	458	500	148		542	605		339
	JUN-SEP	525	600	650	147		700	775		442
CLARK FORK ab Missoula	JUN-JUL	996	1097	1165	155		1233	1334		753
	JUN-SEP	1278	1392	1470	155		1548	1662		947

UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of May					UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN Watershed Snowpack Analysis - June 1, 1997			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
GEORGETOWN LAKE	31.0	27.6	28.8	27.0	CLARK FORK ab FLINT CRK	7	70	119
LOWER WILLOW CREEK	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.4	FLINT CREEK	4	69	146
NEVADA CREEK	12.6	11.8	13.0	11.4	ROCK CREEK	2	95	193
					CLARK FORK ab BLACKFOOT	11	74	137
					BLACKFOOT	9	87	162
					UPPER CLARK FORK BASIN	18	84	148

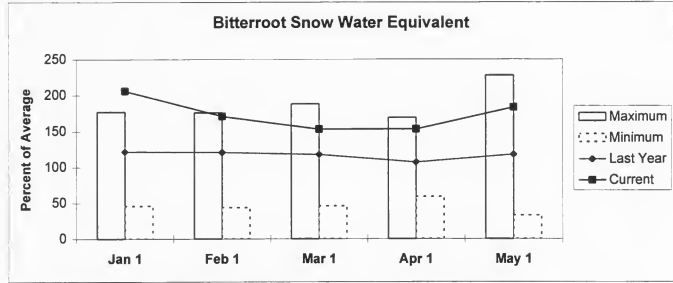
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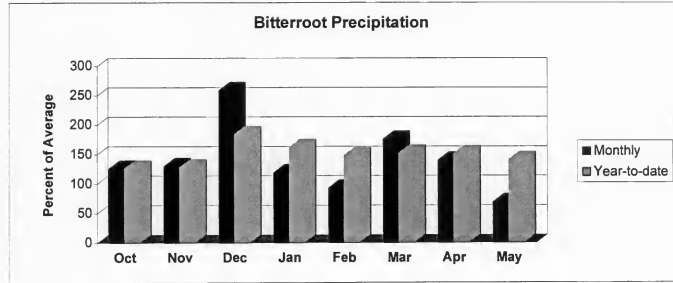
Bitterroot River Basin

Snowpack conditions on June 1 in the Bitterroot River Basin were well above average. Snow water content was 88 percent above average and 11 percent above last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1965 and minimum swe in 1977; February maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; May maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1987; and June maximum swe was 1972 and 1974 and minimum swe was in 1987 and 1992. Average is for the period 1961 through 1990.

Mountain precipitation during May, was 30 percent below average and 49 percent below last year and valley precipitation was 37 percent below average and 22 percent below last year. Water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 1996, was 41 percent above average and 4 percent below last year.



Reservoir storage, on the last day of May, was 23 percent above average and 4 percent above last year. Painted Rocks Lake storage was 10 percent above average and 2 percent above last year and Como storage was 37 percent above average and 6 percent above last year.

Seasonal streamflows, for the period June through July, are forecast to be 42 percent above average and 1 percent below last years forecasts.

The snowmelt peak flow for the Bitterroot River near Darby occurred on May 17 with an average daily flow of 9,110 cfs and was 46 percent above average.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +3.1 for the Bitterroot River.

BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - June 1, 1997

		<<----- Drier ----- Future Conditions ----- Wetter ----->>						
Forecast Point	Forecast Period	Chance Of Exceeding *						30-Yr Avg.
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
WF BITTERROOT nr Conner (2)	JUN-JUL	76	90	100	133	110	124	75
	JUN-SEP	92	109	120	135	131	148	89
BITTERROOT nr Darby	JUN-JUL	265	304	330	126	356	395	262
	JUN-SEP	330	372	400	129	428	470	311
ROCK CK nr Darby (2)	JUN-JUL	45	51	55	128	59	65	43
	JUN-SEP	50	56	60	128	64	71	47
SKALKHAO CK nr Hamilton	JUN-JUL	35	38	40	138	42	45	29
	JUN-SEP	44	48	50	139	52	56	36
BURNT FORK CK nr Stevensville (2)	JUN-JUL	20	23	25	137	27	30	18.2
	JUN-SEP	24	28	30	130	33	36	23
BITTERROOT at Missoula	JUN-JUL	981	1052	1100	150	1148	1219	736
	JUN-SEP	1166	1246	1300	152	1354	1434	853

BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN					BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN			
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of May					Watershed Snowpack Analysis - June 1, 1997			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites		
		This Year	Last Year	Avg		This Year as % of Last Yr	Average	
PAINTED ROCKS LAKE	31.7	33.3	32.6	30.4	WEST FORK BITTERROOT	2	58	99
COMO	34.9	39.5	37.2	28.9	EAST SIDE BITTERROOT	3	74	132
					WEST SIDE BITTERROOT	3	161	257
					BITTERROOT BASIN	7	111	188

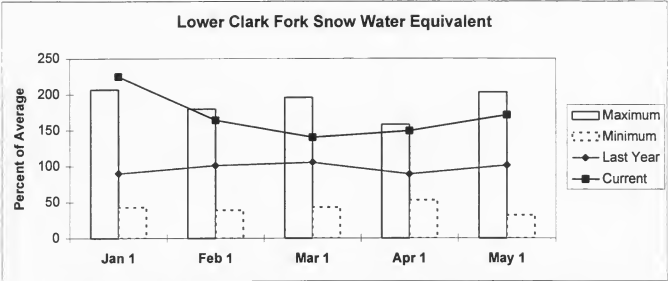
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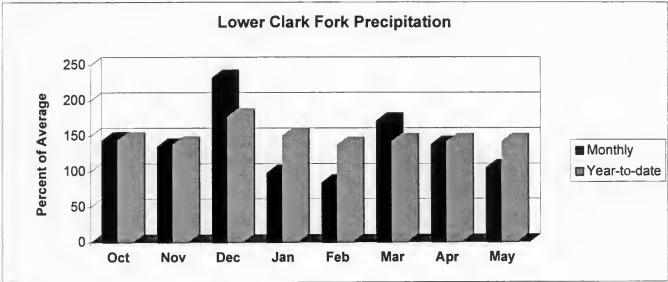
Lower Clark Fork River Basin

Snowpack conditions on June 1 in the Lower Clark Fork River Basin were well above average. Snow water content was 143 percent above average and 46 percent above last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1985 and minimum swe was in 1977; February maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1981; May maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum swe was in 1977. Average is for the period 1961 through 1990.

Mountain precipitation during May, was 1 percent below average and 29 percent below last year and valley precipitation was 24 percent above average and 19 percent below last year. Water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 1996, was 42 percent above average and 3 percent below last year.



Noxon Rapids storage, on the last day of May, was 16 percent above average and 2 percent below last year.

Seasonal streamflows, for the period June through July, are forecast to be 46 percent above average and 11 percent above last year.

The snow melt peak flow at the Clark Fork at St. Regis occurred on May 18 with an average daily flow of 70,300 cfs and was 76 percent above average.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +2.7 for the Clark Fork River below Bitterroot River and +3.1 for the Clark Fork River below Flathead River.

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LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - June 1, 1997

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		<<===== Drier =====>>		Future Conditions		>===== Wetter =====>		
Forecast Point	Forecast Period	Chance Of Exceeding *						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
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CLARK FORK ab Missoula	JUN-JUL	996	1097	1165	155	1233	1334	753
	JUN-SEP	1278	1392	1470	155	1548	1662	947
CLARK FORK bl Missoula	JUN-JUL	2010	2162	2265	152	2368	2520	1490
	JUN-SEP	2478	2649	2765	154	2881	3052	1801
CLARK FORK at St. Regis (1)	JUN-JUL	2316	2714	2895	152	3076	3474	1903
	JUN-SEP	2873	3321	3525	152	3729	4177	2313
CLARK FORK nr Plains (1,2)	JUN-JUL	6581	7488	7900	145	8312	9219	5457
	JUN-SEP	8107	9117	9575	148	10033	11043	6486
THOMPSON RIVER nr Thompson Falls	JUN-JUL	87	101	110	124	119	133	89
	JUN-SEP	119	135	145	125	155	171	116
PROSPECT CREEK at Thompson Falls	JUN-JUL	44	52	57	130	62	70	44
	JUN-SEP	53	61	67	126	73	81	53
CLARK FK at Whitehorse Rpds (1,2)	JUN-JUL	7122	8152	8620	144	9088	10118	5984
	JUN-SEP	8763	9913	10435	146	10957	12107	7166

LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN					LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN			
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of May					Watershed Snowpack Analysis - June 1, 1997			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr Average	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
NOXON RAPIDS	335.0	323.7	330.6	279.6	LOWER CLARK FORK	6	146	243
					CLARK FORK BASIN	23	101	176
					CLARK FK ab FEND ORIELLE	45	95	169
					COLUMBIA in MONTANA	49	97	167
					COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN	57	96	163

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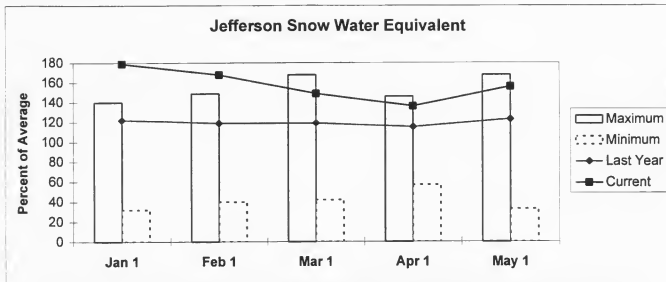
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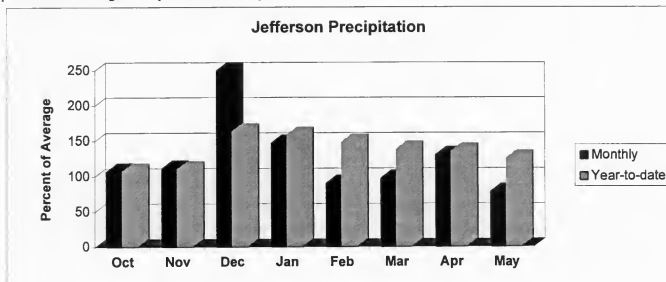
Jefferson River Basin

Snowpack conditions on June 1 in the Jefferson River Basin were above average. Snow water content was 27 percent above average and 30 percent below last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1976 and minimum swe was in 1977; February maximum swe was in 1969 and minimum was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum was in 1977; May maximum swe was in 1975 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 1982 and minimum in 1987. Average is for the period 1961 through 1990.

Mountain precipitation during May, was 27 percent below average and 44 percent below last year and valley precipitation was 3 percent above average and 32 percent below last year. Water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 1996, was 25 percent above average and 3 percent above last year.



Reservoir storage, on the last day of May, was 9 percent below average and 12 percent below last year. Lima storage was 14 percent below average and 34 percent below last year; Clark Canyon storage was 9 percent below average and 3 percent below last year; and Ruby River storage was 2 percent above average and 1 percent below last year.

Seasonal streamflows, for the period June through July, are forecast to be 36 percent above average and 2 percent above last years forecasts.

The snowmelt peak flow for the Big Hole River near Melrose occurred on June 2 with an average daily flow of 11,100 cfs and was 38 percent above average; the Ruby Reservoir occurred on June 2 with an average daily flow of 1,770 cfs and was 71 percent above average; the Missouri River near Toston should occur the first or second week in June and have an average daily flow well above average.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.8 for the Jefferson River; +1.1 for the Beaverhead River; +1.2 for the Ruby River; +2.2 for the Big Hole River; and +1.7 for the Boulder River.

JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - June 1, 1997

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<----- Drier ----->>		Future Conditions		----- Wetter ----->>		30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90%	70%	Chance Of Exceeding *		30%	10%	
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	
RED ROCK RIVER near Monida (2)	JUN-JUL	40	49	55	141	61	71	39
	JUN-SEP	44	56	65	138	74	87	47
BEAVERHEAD RIVER near Grant (2)	JUN-JUL	45	60	70	135	80	95	52
	JUN-SEP	35	74	100	133	127	166	75
BEAVERHEAD RIVER at Barretts (2)	JUN-JUL	63	79	90	123	101	117	73
	JUN-SEP	89	113	130	125	147	171	104
RUBY RIVER near Alder	JUN-JUL	28	40	48	107	56	68	45
	JUN-SEP	42	57	68	112	79	94	61
BIG HOLE RIVER near Melrose	JUN-JUL	434	473	500	143	527	566	349
	JUN-SEP	428	474	505	124	536	582	406
BOULDER RIVER near Boulder	JUN-JUL	42	50	55	138	60	68	40
	JUN-SEP	48	58	65	141	72	82	46
WILLOW CREEK near Harrison	JUN-JUL	8.9	12.2	14.5	134	16.8	20	10.8
	JUN-SEP	9.5	14.3	17.5	135	21	26	13.0
JEFFERSON RIVER near Three Forks (2)	JUN-JUL	488	567	620	135	673	752	459
	JUN-SEP	567	676	750	136	824	933	551

JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of May					JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN Watershed Snowpack Analysis - June 1, 1997			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
		Year	Year					
LIMA	84.0	55.2	84.1	64.2	BEAVERHEAD	8	71	138
CLARK CANYON	255.6	149.6	154.8	165.3	RUBY	4	62	124
RUBY RIVER	38.8	38.5	38.8	37.9	BIGHOLE	8	73	129
					BOULDER	3	77	100
					JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN	18	70	127

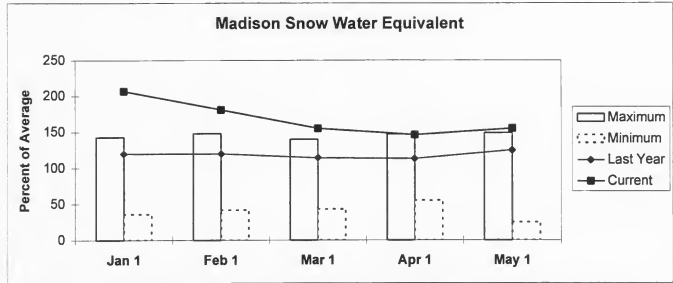
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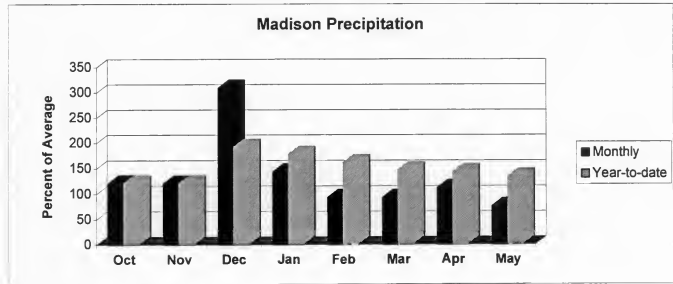
Madison River Basin

Snowpack conditions on June 1 in the Madison River Basin were well above average. Snow water content was 43 percent above average and 22 percent below last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1971 and minimum swe was in 1977; February maximum swe was in 1969 and minimum was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1969 and minimum was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum was in 1977; May maximum swe was in 1971 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 1995 and minimum in 1987. Average is for the period 1961 through 1990.

Mountain and valley precipitation was 27 percent below average and 63 percent below last year. Water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 1996, was 35 percent above average and 9 percent above last year.



Reservoir storage, on the last day of May, was 5 percent above average and 5 percent above last year. Ennis Lake storage was 8 percent below average and 7 percent below last year and Hebgen Lake storage was 7 percent above average and 6 percent above last year.

Seasonal streamflows, for the period June through July, are forecast to be 47 percent above average and 1 percent above last years forecasts.

The snowmelt peak flow into Hebgen Reservoir occurred on May 24 with an average daily flow of 6,574 cfs.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +2.8 for the Madison River.

MADISON RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - June 1, 1997

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>					
		Chance Of Exceeding *					30-Yr Avg.
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF) (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
MADISON RIVER near Grayling (2)	JUN-JUL	258	274	285	143	296	312
	JUN-SEP	401	424	440	143	456	479
MADISON RIVER near McAllister (2)	JUN-JUL	499	530	550	149	570	601
	JUN-SEP	726	764	790	147	816	854

MADISON RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of May					MADISON RIVER BASIN Watershed Snowpack Analysis - June 1, 1997		
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr Average
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			
ENNIS LAKE	41.0	32.8	35.1	35.8	MADISON abv HEBGEN LAKE	4	94
HEBGEN LAKE	377.5	330.5	312.0	309.8	MADISON blw HEBGEN LAKE	6	70
					MADISON RIVER BASIN	10	78

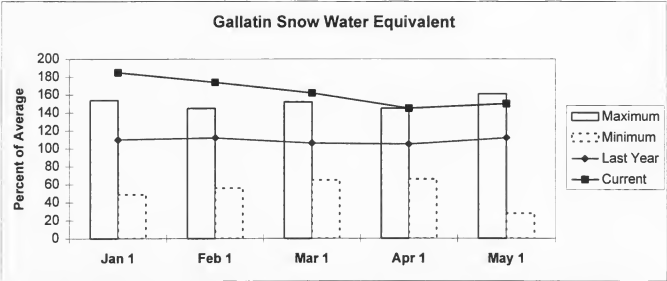
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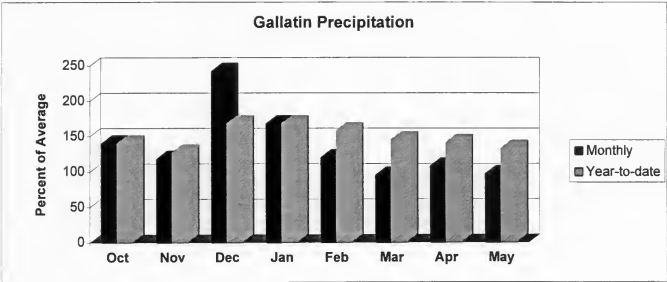
Gallatin River Basin

Snowpack conditions on June 1 in the Gallatin River Basin were above average. Snow water content was 27 percent above average and 16 percent below last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1968 and minimum swe was in 1966; February maximum swe was in 1965 and minimum was in 1981; March maximum swe was in 1965 and minimum was in 1977 and 1987; April maximum swe was in 1971 and minimum was in 1987; May maximum swe was in 1970 and minimum swe was in 1987; and June maximum swe was in 1975 and minimum in 1987. Average is for the period 1961 through 1990.

Mountain precipitation during May, was 5 percent below average and 40 percent below last year and valley precipitation was 34 percent above average and 3 percent below last year. Water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 1996, was 33 percent above average and 13 percent above last year.



Middle Creek storage, on the last day of May, was 6 percent above average and 16 percent below last year. Note: Middle Creek storage was increased by 2,200 acre-feet during the fall of 1995, therefore the percent of average is reflecting the new capacity with averages prior to the additional storage.

Seasonal streamflows, for the period June through July, are forecast to be 34 percent above average and is the same as last years forecasts.

The snowmelt peak flow for the Gallatin River near Gallatin Gateway occurred on June 2 with the average daily flow of 7,500 cfs and was 39 percent above average and for the Gallatin River near Logan occurred on June 3 with an average daily flow of 8,590 cfs and was 54 percent above average.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +2.6 for the Gallatin River.

GALLATIN RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - June 1, 1997

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<----- Drier ----->>		Future Conditions		----- Wetter ----->>		30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90%	70%	Chance Of Exceeding *		30%	10%	
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	50% (Most Probable)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	
GALLATIN RIVER near Gateway	JUN-JUL	355	376	390	133	404	425	294
	JUN-SEP	454	479	495	133	511	536	371
E & W FK HYALITE CREEK near Bozeman	JUN-JUL	16.5	18.6	20	125	21	24	16.0
	JUN-SEP	19.9	22	24	124	26	28	19.3
HYALITE CREEK near Bozeman (2)	JUN-JUL	23	25	27	123	29	32	22
	JUN-SEP	30	33	35	125	37	40	28
GALLATIN RIVER at Logan (2)	JUN-JUL	108	357	390	136	423	472	287
	JUN-SEP	422	478	515	139	552	608	370

GALLATIN RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of May					GALLATIN RIVER BASIN Watershed Snowpack Analysis - June 1, 1997			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr Average	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg				
MIDDLE CREEK	10.2	7.4	8.8	7.0	UPPER GALLATIN	3	73	128
					HYALITE	2	86	126
					BRIDGER	3	105	125
					GALLATIN RIVER BASIN	8	84	127
					MISSOURI HEADWATERS	30	79	136

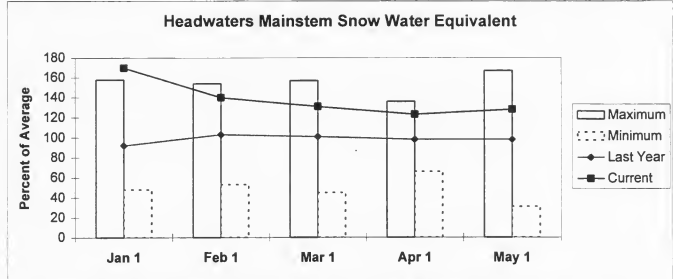
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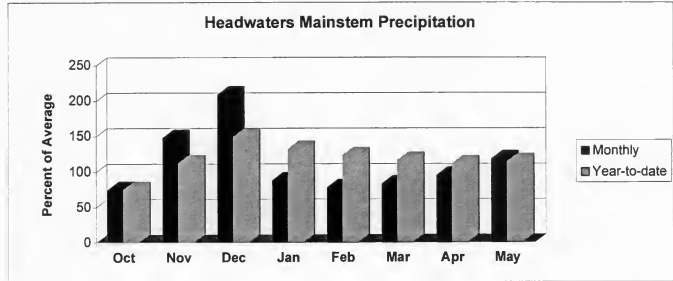
Missouri Mainstem River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Missouri Mainstem were above average. Snow water content in the Headwaters Mainstem was 8 percent above average and 40 percent below last year; in the Smith-Judith-Musselshell was 13 percent above average and 29 percent below last year; and in the Sun-Teton-Marias was 57 percent above average and 19 percent below last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1978 and minimum swe in 1977; February maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1961; May maximum swe was in 1975 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 1982 and minimum swe was in 1992. Average is for the period 1961 through 1990.

Mountain precipitation during May, was 17 percent above average and 6 percent below last year and valley precipitation was 9 percent above average and 9 percent below last year. Water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 1996, was 14 percent above average and 4 percent above last year.



Reservoir storage, on the last day of May, was 3 percent below average and 8 percent below last year. Canyon Ferry Lake storage was 4 percent above average and 9 percent below last year (this reservoir is still filling from the very high inflows coming from the Jefferson, Madison, and Gallatin Rivers); Helena Valley storage was 23 percent above average and 9 percent below last year; Lake Helena storage was 8 percent above average and 2 percent above last year; Hauser & Helena storage was 4 percent above average and 1 percent above last year; Holter Lake storage was 4 percent above average and 1 percent above last year; and Fort Peck Lake storage was 10 percent above average and 2 percent below last year.

Seasonal streamflows, for the period June through July, are forecast to be 34 percent above average and 12 percent below last year.

The snowmelt peak flow for the Missouri River near Toston should occur the first or second week of June.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +2.3 for the Missouri River above Canyon Ferry; +2.3 for the Missouri River below Canyon Ferry; +2.2 for the Missouri River above Ft. Peck; and +1.7 for the Missouri River below Ft. Peck.

MISSOURI MAINSTEM RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - June 1, 1997

Forecast Point		Forecast Period	<<----- Drier ----- Future Conditions ----- Wetter ----->>						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
			Chance Of Exceeding *						
			90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
MISSOURI RIVER at Toston (2)		JUN-JUL	1259	1396	1490	133	1584	1721	1120
		JUN-SEP	1678	1855	1975	135	2095	2272	1461
PRICKLY PEAR CREEK near Clancy		JUN-JUL	2.1	6.2	9.0	75	11.8	15.9	12.0
		JUN-SEP	4.4	9.5	13.0	82	16.5	22	15.8
SUN RIVER at Gibson Dam (2)		JUN-JUL	277	317	345	123	373	413	281
		JUN-SEP	335	377	405	123	433	475	329
MISSOURI RIVER at Fort Benton (2)		JUN-JUL	1591	1939	2175	130	2411	2759	1671
		JUN-SEP	2220	2655	2950	130	3245	3680	2262
MARIAS RIVER near Shelby (2)		JUN-JUL	213	277	320	136	363	427	236
		JUN-SEP	272	333	375	135	417	478	277
MISSOURI RIVER at Virgelle (2)		JUN-JUL	1655	2218	2600	134	2982	3545	1942
		JUN-SEP	2489	3091	3500	137	3909	4511	2564
MISSOURI RIVER near Landusky (2)		JUN-JUL	1810	2405	2810	133	3215	3810	2109
		JUN-SEP	2787	3361	3750	134	4139	4713	2792
MISSOURI RIVER below Fort Peck (2)		JUN-JUL	1806	2458	2900	140	3342	3994	2072
		JUN-SEP	2463	3066	3475	140	3884	4487	2490
LAKE SAKAKAWEA Inflow (2)		JUN-JUL	6229	6986	7500	135	8014	8771	5540
		JUN-SEP	7618	8904	9575	137	10246	11322	6989

MISSOURI MAINSTEM RIVER BASIN					MISSOURI MAINSTEM RIVER BASIN		
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of May					Watershed Snowpack Analysis - June 1, 1997		
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr Average
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			
CANYON FERRY LAKE	2043.0	1588.0	1741.0	1659.0	MISSOURI MAINSTEM	6	60 108
HELENA VALLEY	9.2	9.0	9.9	7.3	SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	6	71 113
LAKE HELENA	10.4	10.9	10.7	10.1	SUN-TETON-MARIAS	6	81 157
HAUSER & HELENA	61.9	63.1	62.5	60.9	MISSOURI abv FT PECK	17	73 132
HOLTER LAKE	81.9	81.4	80.6	78.0	MILK RIVER BASIN	5	0 0
FORT PECK LAKE (MAP)	18.9	17.0	17.3	15.5	MISSOURI MAINSTEM BASIN	21	76 130

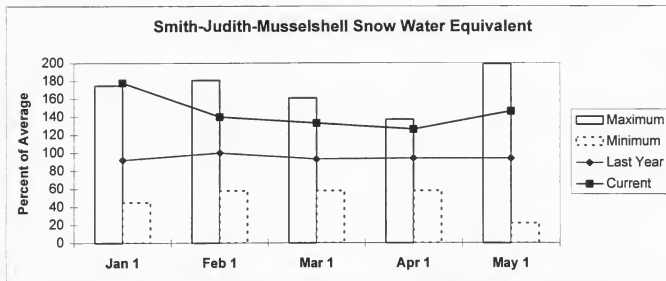
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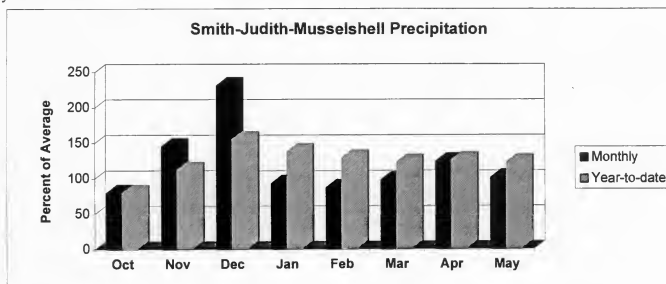
Smith-Judith-Musselshell River Basins

Snowpack conditions on June 1 in the Smith-Judith-Musselshell River Basins were above average. Snow water content in the Smith River Basin was 17 percent above average and 29 percent below last year; and in the Judith River Basin was 20 percent above average and 18 percent below last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1978 and minimum swe in 1988; February maximum swe was in 1978 and minimum swe was in 1987; March maximum swe was in 1978 and minimum swe was in 1987; April maximum swe was in 1970 and minimum swe was in 1992; and May maximum swe was in 1970 and minimum swe was in 1987; and June maximum swe was in 1982 and minimum swe was in 1992. Average is for the period 1961 through 1990.

Mountain and valley precipitation during May in the Smith River was 5 percent above average and 19 percent below last year; the Judith River was 5 percent below average and 12 percent below last year; and the Musselshell River was 16 percent above average and 26 percent below last year. Water year precipitation for the Smith-Judith-Musselshell, beginning October 1, 1996, was 23 percent above average and 7 percent above last year.



Reservoir storage, on the last day of May, was 23 percent above average and 3 percent below last year. Smith River storage was 9 percent above average and 1 percent below last year; Bair storage was 10 percent below average and 10 percent below last year; Martinsdale storage was 26 percent above average and 12 percent below last year; and Deadman's Basin was 28 percent above average and 1 percent above last year.

Seasonal streamflows, for the period June through July, are forecast to be 47 percent above average and 7 percent above last year forecasts.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +2.4 for the Smith River and +1.5 for the Musselshell River.

SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - June 1, 1997

		<<<<<<< Drier >>>>>>> Future Conditions >>>>>>> Wetter >>>>>>>						
Forecast Point	Forecast Period	Chance Of Exceeding *						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	% AVG.	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
SHEEP CREEK nr White Sulphur Springs	JUN-JUL	9.0	11.4	13.0	130	14.6	17.0	10.0
	JUN-SEP	12.5	15.2	17.0	132	18.8	22	12.9
SMITH RIVER blw Eagle Creek	JUN-JUL	46	57	65	126	73	84	52
	JUN-SEP	66	83	95	131	107	124	73
NF MUSSELSHELL near Delpine	JUN-JUL	1.79	2.45	2.90	126	3.35	4.01	2.30
	JUN-SEP	2.27	3.18	3.80	123	4.42	5.33	3.10
SF MUSSELSHELL abv Martinsdale	JUN-JUL	11.0	21	28	108	35	45	26
	JUN-SEP	13.1	24	32	110	40	51	29

SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of May

SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - June 1, 1997

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***				Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg				Last Yr	Average
SMITH RIVER	10.6	11.4	11.5	10.5	SMITH	4	71	117	
NEULAN CREEK	NO REPORT				JUDITH	3	82	120	
BAIR	7.0	5.6	6.2	6.2	MUSSELSHELL	1	0	0	
MARTINSDALE	23.1	21.7	24.8	17.2	SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	6	71	113	
DEADMAN'S BASIN	72.2	70.5	69.7	55.1					

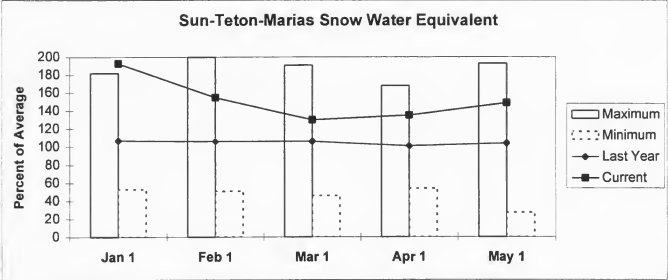
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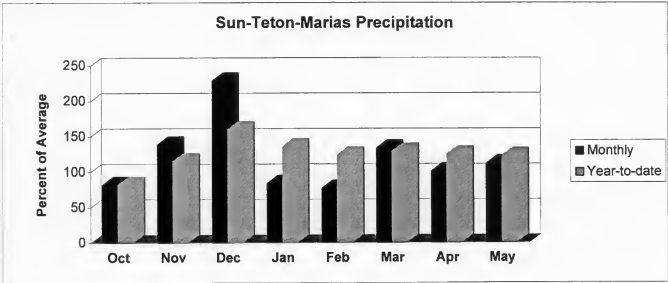
Sun-Teton-Marias River Basins

Snowpack conditions in the Sun-Teton-Marias River Basins were well above average. Snow water content for the Sun River Basin was 33 percent above average and 25 percent below last year; the Teton River Basin was 34 percent above average and 25 percent below last year; and the Marias River Basin was 65 percent above average and 17 percent below last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1991 and minimum swe was in 1988; February maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1984; April maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1984; May maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum was in 1982 and minimum swe was in 1992. Average is for the period 1961 through 1990.

Mountain and valley precipitation for May in the Sun River, was 2 percent below average and 28 percent above last year; in the Teton River was 2 percent above average and 10 percent below last year; and in the Marias River was 25 percent above average and 16 percent below last year. Water year precipitation for all three basins, beginning October 1, 1996, was 23 percent above average and 1 percent below last year.



Reservoir storage, on the last day of May, was 18 percent above average and 6 percent below last year. Gibson storage was 3 percent below average and 3 percent above last year; Pishkun storage was 2 percent above average and 34 percent below last year; Willow Creek storage was 33 percent below average and 37 percent below last year; Lower Two Medicine Lake storage was 11 percent above average and 2 percent below last year; Four Horns Lake storage was 5 percent below average and 8 percent above last year; Swift storage was 59 percent below average and 61 percent below last year; Lake Frances storage was 7 percent below average and 23 percent below last year; and Lake Elwell (Tiber) storage was 29 percent above average and 1 percent below last year.

Seasonal streamflows, for the period June through July, are forecast to be 29 percent above average and 6 percent below last years forecasts.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +2.1 for the Sun River; +2.0 for the Teton River; +2.4 for the Marias River; and +2.0 for the Birch/Dupuyer Creeks.

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - June 1, 1997

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<----- Drier ----->>		Future Conditions		<----- Wetter ----->>		30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90%	70%	50% (Most Probable)		30%	10%	
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	
SUN RIVER at Gibson Dam (2)	JUN-JUL	277	317	345	123	373	413	281
	JUN-SEP	335	377	405	123	433	475	329
TWO MEDICINE RIVER near Browning (2)	JUN-JUL	71	109	135	129	161	199	105
	JUN-SEP	84	123	150	128	177	216	117
BADGER CREEK near Browning (2)	JUN-JUL	49	65	75	132	85	101	57
	JUN-SEP	73	89	100	135	111	127	74
SWIFT RESERVOIR Inflow near Dupuyer	JUN-JUL	27	38	45	118	52	63	38
	JUN-SEP	40	52	60	120	68	80	50
DUPUYER CREEK near Valier	JUN-JUL	0.55	6.18	10.00	132	13.82	19.45	7.60
	JUN-SEP	2.06	8.28	12.50	132	16.72	22.94	9.50
CUT BANK CREEK at Cut Bank	JUN-JUL	50	59	65	138	71	80	47
	JUN-SEP	60	69	75	134	81	90	56
MARIAS RIVER near Shelby (2)	JUN-JUL	213	277	320	136	363	427	236
	JUN-SEP	272	333	375	135	417	478	277

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of May

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - June 1, 1997

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
GIBSON	99.1	87.3	85.4	90.1	SUN	2	75	133
PISHKUN	32.0	30.7	46.3	30.1	TETON	3	75	134
WILLOW CREEK	32.2	19.0	30.1	28.5	MARIAS	3	83	165
LOWER TWO MEDICINE LAKE	11.9	12.3	12.6	11.1	SUN-TETON-MARIAS	6	81	157
FOUR HORNS LAKE	19.2	12.3	11.4	13.0				
SWIFT	30.0	26.2	26.2	24.8				
LAKE FRANCES	112.0	101.0	104.8	87.4				
LAKE ELWELL (TIBER)	1347.0	894.1	901.3	690.8				

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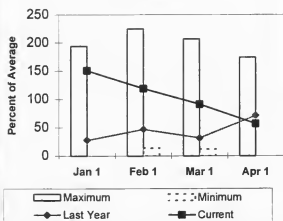
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St. Mary and Milk River Basins

Snowpack conditions in the St. Mary River Basin on June 1 was well above average and in the Milk River Basin the snowpack has melted out. Snow water content in the St. Mary was 56 percent above average and 5 percent below last year.

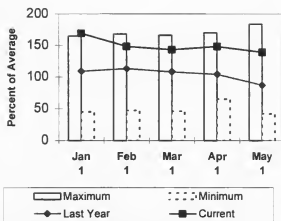
Bearpaw Mountains Snow Water Equivalent



Bearpaw - January maximum swe was established in 1978 and minimum swe was in 1981; February maximum swe was 1978 and minimum swe was in 1973; March maximum swe was 1978 and minimum swe was 1981; April maximum swe was in 1975 and minimum swe was in 1983; May maximum swe was 1975 and the minimum has occurred in several years. Average is for the period 1961 through 1990.

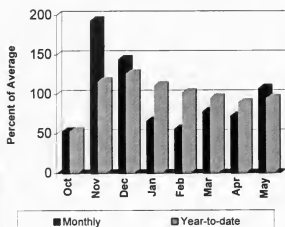
St. Mary - January maximum swe was established in 1991 and minimum swe was in 1988; February maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1992; May maximum swe was in 1992 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 1991 and minimum swe was 1992. Average is for the period 1961 through 1990.

St. Mary Snow Water Equivalent

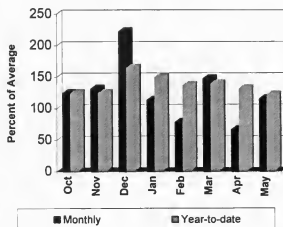


Mountain and valley precipitation for May in the St. Mary River, was 15 percent above average and 21 percent below last year and in the Milk River was 7 percent above average and 13 percent above last year. Water year precipitation for both basins, beginning October 1, 1996, was 2 percent above average and 22 percent below last year.

Bearpaw Mountains Precipitation



St. Mary Precipitation



Reservoir storage, on the last day of May, was 13 percent above average and 13 percent below last year. Lake Sherburne storage was 16 percent above average and 8 percent below last year; Fresno storage was 13 percent above average and 3 percent below last year; Beaver Creek storage was 21 percent above average and 5 percent below last year; and Nelson storage was 11 percent above average and 19 percent below last year.

Seasonal streamflows for the St. Mary Basin, for the period June through July, are forecast to be 16 percent above average and 4 percent below last years forecasts. Seasonal streamflows for the Milk River Basin, for the period June through July, are forecast to be 11 percent above average and 7 percent below last years forecasts.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.8 for the Milk River.

ST. MARY and MILK RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - June 1, 1997

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>						
		Chance Of Exceeding *						30-Yr Avg.
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
SWIFTCURRENT CREEK at Sherburne (2)	JUN-JUL	60	67	71	111	75	82	64
	JUN-SEP	79	87	92	114	97	105	81
ST. MARY RIVER near Babb	JUN-JUL	294	306	315	121	324	336	261
	JUN-SEP	365	386	400	122	414	435	329
ST. MARY RIVER at US/CAN Border (2)	JUN-JUL	303	325	340	114	355	377	298
	JUN-SEP	389	420	440	117	460	491	376
MILK RIVER at Western Crossing	JUN-JUL	8.5	12.2	14.7	123	17.2	21	12.0
	JUN-SEP	10.8	15.4	18.5	123	22	26	15.0
MILK RIVER at Eastern Crossing (2)	JUN-JUL	7.9	14.8	19.5	122	24	31	16.0
	JUN-SEP	3.7	18.5	29	119	39	53	24
BEAVER CREEK near Havre	JUN-JUL	0.12	0.36	1.30	33	2.24	3.62	4.00

ST. MARY and MILK RIVER BASINS					ST. MARY and MILK RIVER BASINS			
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of May					Watershed Snowpack Analysis - June 1, 1997			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
		This Year	Last Year	Avg				
LAKE SHERBURNE	64.3	37.1	51.8	32.0	ST. MARY	2	95	156
FRESNO	127.0	100.9	103.5	89.1	BEARPAW MOUNTAINS	5	0	0
BEAVER CREEK	3.5	3.5	3.7	2.9	CYPRESS HILLS, CANADA	0	0	0
NELSON	66.8	47.3	58.2	42.6	MILK RIVER BASIN	5	0	0
					ST. MARY & MILK BASINS	7	95	152

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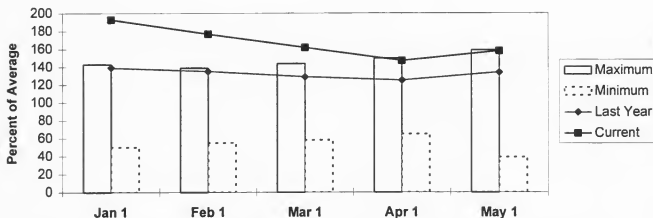
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Upper Yellowstone River Basin

Snowpack conditions on June 1 in the Upper Yellowstone River Basin were well above average. Snow water content was 34 percent above average and 20 percent below last year.

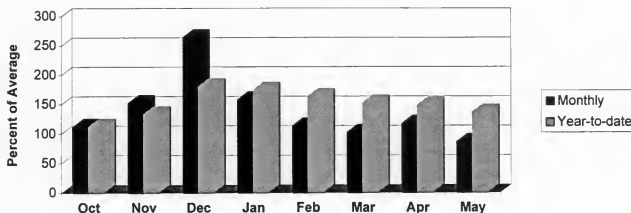
Upper Yellowstone Snow Water Equivalent



January maximum swe was established in 1976 and minimum swe was in 1988; February maximum swe was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1971 and minimum swe was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1971 and minimum swe was in 1981; May maximum swe was in 1971 and minimum swe was in 1987; and June maximum swe was 1982 and minimum swe was in 1987 and 1994. Average is for the period 1961 through 1990.

Mountain precipitation for May, was 17 percent below average and 45 percent below last year and valley precipitation was 3 percent above average and 24 percent below last year. Water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 1996, was 36 percent above average and 3 percent above last year.

Upper Yellowstone Precipitation



Reservoir storage, on the last day of May, was 22 percent above average and 1 percent below last year. Mystic Lake storage was 5 percent above average and 87 percent above last year and Cooney storage was 26 percent above average and 10 percent below last year.

Seasonal streamflows, for the period June through July, are forecast to be 39 percent above average and 2 percent above last years forecasts.

The snowmelt peak flow for the Yellowstone River at Corwin Springs should occur the second week in June; the Yellowstone River at Livingston should occur the second week in June; the Clarks Fork River near Belfry should occur the second week in June; and the Yellowstone River at Billings should occur the second week in June.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.9 for the Yellowstone River above Bighorn River; +2.5 for the Yellowstone River above Livingston; +2.4 for the Shields River; +1.8 for the Boulder River; +1.3 for the Stillwater River; +2.0 for the Rock/Red Lodge Creeks; and +2.4 for the Clarks Fork River.

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - June 1, 1997

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<----- Drier ----->>		Future Conditions		>----- Wetter ----->		30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90%	70%	50% (Most Probable)		30%	10%	
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	
YELLOWSTONE at Lake Outlet	JUN-JUL	535	579	610	129	641	685	472
	JUN-SEP	803	858	895	130	932	987	691
YELLOWSTONE RIVER at Corwin Springs	JUN-JUL	1473	1543	1590	138	1637	1707	1156
	JUN-SEP	1889	1985	2050	138	2115	2211	1484
YELLOWSTONE RIVER near Livingston	JUN-JUL	1705	1800	1865	140	1930	2025	1335
	JUN-SEP	2206	2324	2405	140	2486	2604	1721
SHIELDS RIVER near Livingston	JUN-JUL	87	104	115	149	126	143	77
	JUN-SEP	108	127	140	147	153	172	95
BOULDER RIVER at Big Timber	JUN-JUL	298	320	335	132	350	372	253
	JUN-SEP	327	356	375	133	394	423	282
WEST ROSEBUD CREEK near Roscoe (2)	JUN-JUL	60	65	68	133	72	77	51
	JUN-SEP	82	88	92	133	96	102	69
STILLWATER RIVER nr Absarokee (2)	JUN-JUL	434	464	485	128	506	536	380
	JUN-SEP	527	571	600	126	629	673	475
CLARK'S FORK RIVER near Belfry	JUN-JUL	427	468	495	125	522	563	395
	JUN-SEP	487	534	565	125	596	643	453
RED LODGE CREEK blw Cooney Res (2)	JUN-JUL	19.5	26	30	125	34	41	24
	JUN-SEP	27	37	44	126	51	61	35
YELLOWSTONE RIVER at Billings (2)	JUN-JUL	3191	3464	3650	145	3836	4109	2525
	JUN-SEP	4017	4364	4600	146	4836	5183	3159

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of May					UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN Watershed Snowpack Analysis - June 1, 1997			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
MYSTIC LAKE	21.0	5.8	3.1	5.5	YELLOWSTONE ab LIVINGSTON	10	78	140
COONEY	27.4	25.2	28.1	20.0	SHIELDS	5	107	143
					BOULDER-STILLWATER	3	75	115
					CLARK'S FORK-ROCK CREEK	9	79	132
					UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER	23	80	134

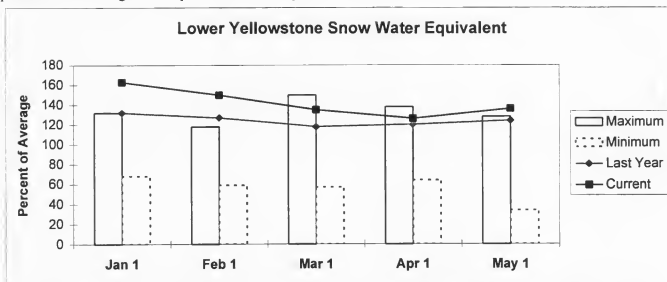
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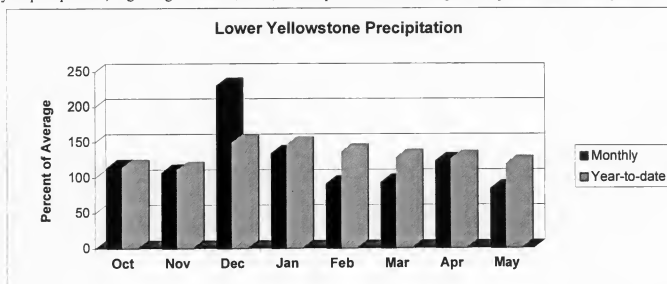
Lower Yellowstone River Basin

Snowpack conditions on June 1 in the Lower Yellowstone River Basin were average. Snow water content was 6 percent above average and 41 percent below last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1996 and minimum swe was in 1981; February maximum swe was in 1978 and minimum swe was in 1981; March maximum swe was in 1986 and minimum swe was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1986 and minimum swe was in 1981; May maximum swe was in 1986 and minimum swe was in 1981; and June maximum swe was in 1995 and minimum swe was in 1994. Average is for the period 1961 through 1990.

Mountain and valley precipitation for May, was 16 percent below average and 35 percent below last year. Water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 1996, was 19 percent above average and 3 percent below last year.



Reservoir storage, on the last day of May, was 3 percent below average and 2 percent above last year. Bighorn Lake storage was 1 percent below average and 3 percent above last year and the Tongue River storage was 35 percent below average and 15 percent below last year.

Seasonal streamflows, for the period June through July, are forecast to be 31 percent above average and 6 percent below last years forecasts.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.4 for the Yellowstone River below Bighorn River; +1.7 for the Bighorn River below Bighorn Lake; -0.6 for the Little Bighorn River; +0.1 for the Tongue River; and +0.1 for the Powder River.

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - June 1, 1997

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier =====>>		Future Conditions		>>===== Wetter =====>>		30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90%	70%	50% (Most Probable)		30%	10%	
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	
YELLOWSTONE RIVER at Billings (2)	JUN-JUL	3191	3464	3650	145	3836	4109	2525
	JUN-SEP	4017	4364	4600	146	4836	5183	3159
BIGHORN RIVER nr St. Xavier (2)	JUN-JUL	996	1153	1260	110	1367	1524	1141
	JUN-SEP	1113	1314	1450	111	1586	1787	1306
LITTLE BIGHORN RIVER nr Hardin	JUN-JUL	30	45	55	73	65	80	75
	JUN-SEP	39	59	72	78	85	105	92
TONGUE RIVER stateline nr Decker (2)	JUN-JUL	59	83	100	74	117	141	135
	JUN-SEP	80	110	130	81	150	180	161
YELLOWSTONE RIVER at Miles City (2)	JUN-JUL	4068	4712	5150	137	5588	6232	3753
	JUN-SEP	5326	5795	6350	137	6905	7085	4631
POWDER RIVER at Moorhead	JUN-JUL	28	50	64	55	78	100	116
	JUN-SEP	33	64	86	62	108	139	138
POWDER RIVER near Locate	JUN-JUL	15.0	51	76	55	101	137	138
	JUN-SEP	43	67	100	62	133	182	162
YELLOWSTONE RIVER nr Sidney (2)	JUN-JUL	3931	4865	5500	140	6135	7069	3928
	JUN-SEP	5573	5973	6750	142	7527	7668	4763

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of May					LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN Watershed Snowpack Analysis - June 1, 1997			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
BIGHORN LAKE	1356.0	846.3	824.1	855.6	WIND RIVER (Wyoming)	12	53	96
TONGUE RIVER	68.0	31.2	36.5	48.2	SHOSHONE RIVER (Wyoming)	5	65	122
					BIGHORN RIVER (Wyoming)	15	57	107
					LITTLE BIGHORN (Wyoming)	2	61	88
					TONGUE RIVER (Wyoming)	5	55	102
					POWDER RIVER (Wyoming)	6	53	118
					LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER	29	59	106
					YELLOWSTONE BASIN	48	72	123

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